

ABSTRACT

A removable shelf assembly for vehicles (e.g., sport utility vehicles) to increase storage capacity in a generally flat rearwardly extending bed defined by a floor and pair of upwardly extending side walls, the shelf assembly comprising a frame composed of a plurality of U-shaped members, each member having a base and two spaced apart arms extending perpendicular to the base, a plurality of telescoping members associated with the arms, means for removably locking each arm of each the U-shaped member, whereby to adjustably fix the spaced apart bases; and, a first and second generally planar panel members positioned on the frame for receiving items to be transported thereon, the panel members associated with the frame to allow movement between the panel members. The frame preferably has a raised lip extending substantially around the frame so as to reduce movement of items placed on the frame. A downwardly depending leg which is able to pivot out of the way when needed provides additional load support. A plurality of locking thumbscrews are fitted within holes in the frame to removably lock the panels in a fixed relationship. A cushion material preferably is associated with the underside of a portion of the panels and provides cushioned support where the panels rest on the sidewalls. Preferably, a plurality of elastic tether cords are attachable to the shelf assembly and the floor tethers in the vehicle to provide further support.